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PLEASE PASS TO AMBASSADOR PORTER

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SUBJECT: TRAINING OF EGYPTIANS IN SAUDI F-5 PROGRAM

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1. WE UNDERSTAND FROM BG AHMANN, CHUSMTM DHAHRAN,
THAT IT IS QUICKLY BECOMING IMPOSSIBLE TO TEMPORIZE
FURTHER ON SAYING YES OR NO ON NEXT STEP OF EGYPTIAN
F-5 TRAINING.

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2. PER YOUR INSTRUCTIONS STATE 003251, WE HAVE TAKEN

NO INITIATIVE WHILE WE WAITED FOR GOE INSTRUCTIONS
TO WORK THEIR WAY THROUGH CHANNELS. IF SUCH IN-
STRUCTIONS ARE NOT LIKELY TO BE SOON FORTHCOMING
RECOMMEND WE INFORM SULTAN THAT BECAUSE OF
REASONS WHICH YOU OUTLINED TO HIM DURING YOUR
VISIT IN DECEMBER, WE HAVE MADE DECISION THAT WE
CANNOT ALLOW USAF INSTRUCTOR PILOTS TO PARTICIPATE
IN TRAINING OF EGYPTIANS. THIS SHOULD PROMPT
EGYPTIAN PILOTS TO TERMINATE THEIR PROGRAM,
BECAUSE WE ARE TOLD THERE IS LITTLE THAT LESS
EXPERIENCED SAUDI INSTRUCTOR PILOTS CAN TEACH
THEM. (EGYPTIANS HAVE BEEN TRAINING IN F-5
TWO-SEATER VERSION WITH SAUDI INSTRUCTORS AND
WANT TO MOVE ON TO SOLO MANEUVERS IN SINGLE-SEAT
F-5E AGAINST USAG INSTRUCTORS.) THE EGYPTIAN
MAINTENANCE TRAINING ON F-5'S MAY BE LESS
SENSITIVE AND PERHAPS NEED NOT BE SPECIFICALLY
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